

## WHITE HOUSE SYNGALI

Cleveland Is Said to Have Hypnotized Banker Benedict.

## THAT DECLINATION BLUFF

Political Wiscarees Say That the President Has Used His Friend for the Purpose of Drawing Out Opinion Upon the Propriety of Running for a Third Term.

As the politicians in Washington "stink the other eye" at Banker Benedict's announcement that he is a candidate for re-election, they are not without some inspiration from the President. It is only fair to believe to say that Mr. Benedict believes that he is voicing Mr. Cleveland's sentiments in withdrawing his name from any further connection with the Presidential office.

A great many politicians, however, are still inclined to the opinion that Mr. Cleveland has resorted to this method to sound public sentiment on the question of a third term.

There is nothing, they say, in Mr. Benedict's declaration which will prevent Mr. Cleveland taking the nomination next year, provided he can get it. It is just possible that Friend Benedict has been made the innocent victim of Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Benedict is a very devout worshiper at the Cleveland shrine, and he is disposed to accept any hint or suggestion from that source without question.

HE'S NOT A FREE AGENT.

Ordinarily a keen financier and good judge of human nature, Mr. Benedict, on the subject of Grover Cleveland, is not entirely responsible or a free agent.

According to his conviction, Mr. Cleveland can do no wrong. If the President should decide to become a candidate for re-election next year, Mr. Benedict would probably have announced that fact with as much unctious and personal approval as he gave to the statement that Mr. Cleveland had decided not to be a candidate for a third term.

"Mr. Cleveland," said one of his friends, "is just as much of a candidate as ever he was. I shall believe that he does not aspire for a third term when he comes out and says so over his own signature and the Democratic convention has nominated some other man."

"Mr. Cleveland is a candidate, provided there is any chance of his securing the nomination. The good Democrats of the newspapers on the third-term idea, however, have been so decidedly unfavorable to it that Mr. Cleveland hesitates. He has, therefore, adopted a new tack. Mr. Benedict was given the hint to say that Mr. Cleveland would not be a candidate and could not accept the nomination if it should be tendered to him."

"Up to date there has been no official or authorized declaration upon this subject. Naturally, the announcement will cause more or less comment. The tenor of this comment will go a large way toward deciding Mr. Cleveland's course. If the bulk of it is unfavorable Mr. Cleveland will in due time write a letter expressing his abhorrence of the third-term idea and declaring in the most emphatic terms that he has never for a moment seriously contemplated becoming a candidate for a third term."

"On the other hand, if the people, through the newspapers, evince any disposition to endorse a third term, Mr. Benedict will be elated for his 'indiscretion,' and the President will place himself in the hands of his friends. In other words, Mr. Cleveland would prefer to be defeated at the polls rather than in the national convention of his party."

THINKING ABOUT HIS CHANCES.

Another prominent Democrat said: "President Cleveland is thinking very much more about his chances for re-election as Chief Executive of the Nation than he is about a trip around the world."

This gentleman does not believe that the rumor circulated that President Cleveland intends to make a tour of the world, being founded in fact, but he is of the opinion that Mr. Cleveland again has an ambition to succeed himself in the White House.

The present attitude, according to this gentleman, is of the opinion that the nomination will be offered him unanimously when the next national convention convenes, and that further than this, Mr. Cleveland is of the opinion that if he again makes the race, he will be successful.

There are very few shrewd Democratic politicians in Washington, however, who believe that Mr. Cleveland will have smooth sailing if he endeavors to capture a fourth nomination next year, nor do they believe if he should be lucky enough to be nominated, that he could be elected at the polls. Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet associates, however, are nearly all his discoverers, and just what the prevailing sentiment is, it is not likely that Mr. Cleveland will commit himself regarding this matter.

SHOW OF WINNING.

It is said that Mr. Cleveland is of the opinion that the Democratic party under his leadership in 1896 will stand an excellent show of winning at the polls. He is said to hold to the belief that the Republicans will make some serious blunders during the first session of the Fifty-fourth Congress, and any mistakes they may make will, of course, be detrimental to them in the campaign and enhance the possibility of the success of the Democracy.

Mr. Cleveland is still said to be of the opinion that the administration has not been rebuked at the polls, either a year ago or at the last November election. He claims that if his policy had been closely

followed during the last Congress the result in the different States in the recent election would have been very much different.

He considers that such men as ex-Speaker Crisp and Senators Gorman, Brice and others, by the position they took in respect to tariff legislation and handling other issues in the last Congress did much more to injure the chances of the Democratic party than anything else that could have happened.

In addition it is considered absolutely certain by those Democratic politicians here who have the confidence of the President that if he decided not to make the race for the nomination himself, he will do everything in his power to dictate the man who will head the Democratic ticket in 1896.

## VICE PRESIDENT IS DUMB

Mr. Stevenson Returns, But Refuses to Talk Third Term Gossip.

He Sees Little Ahead for Democracy. Recent Regarding the Elections. Has No Opinions.

Hon. Adlai Stevenson, Vice President of the United States, is a man of few words, and his remarks have been as usual to say today at the Normandy, after his return from the West.

As a private citizen and a Democrat Mr. Stevenson undoubtedly has some well-defined ideas on the question of a third term for Grover Cleveland. But Vice President Stevenson has no opinion to give on that matter.

Yes, he had heard that Secretary of Agriculture Morton had given utterance to some rather strong views on this question of a third term, but, as the Vice President, he had nothing to say about it.

It might have been a feeling of delicacy on his part; he did not say so. Just simply that he had no opinion to give.

"What will Congress do this winter?" Mr. Stevenson was asked.

"Well, if one could be a prophet and foretell things correctly it would be a good thing to be. Of course, there are the routine matters and the appropriations that have got to be attended to. I cannot say what will be attempted in the way of financial legislation, and that is a hard thing for any one to forecast at this time. Such a large proportion of the members of the House, where most of the legislation originates, are new members, that nothing definite can be said in advance about the stand that will be taken on important questions."

The Cuban question will undoubtedly come before Congress, for there is a very strong feeling throughout the country in favor of recognizing the Cuban revolutionists. The matter will be taken up and thoroughly discussed.

"To what do you think of the outlook for the Democratic party?" "In the light of recent elections the outlook is certainly not very encouraging. There is a feeling throughout the country that there may come a change that will swing things around all right, but there isn't much to arouse hopefulness just now."

"What do you attribute the results of the elections?" "I attribute them to the lack of Democratic votes."

"What are the causes that led to the lack of a sufficient number of Democratic votes?" "I have no opinion on that matter."

"What is your opinion of the third-term question?" "I have no opinion on that matter."

Mr. Stevenson was asked several questions on political subjects, to which he replied in the most laconic manner, his abhorrence of the third-term idea and declaring in the most emphatic terms that he has never for a moment seriously contemplated becoming a candidate for a third term.

COWBOYS AND CAMPERS.

They Have a Probably Fatal Fight Near Stockton, Cal.

Stockton, Cal., Nov. 29.—There was a general gun fight twelve miles southwest of this city last night. Ed. Sweet and John Stanger have charge of a band of cattle. McLaughlin ranch.

About 9 o'clock last night they discovered three campers who had fired a large oak tree. The vaqueros ordered the campers to put out the fire, and the latter drove the cowboys away with revolvers.

The vaqueros notified Deputy Sheriff Buzzell, who returned with them to the scene. Buzzell ordered the campers to extinguish the fire, and they replied by shooting at the deputy and the cowboys, all of whom returned the fire.

Buzzell dropped his horse, and was left for dead by Sweet and Stanger, who were put to flight by the belligerent vaqueros.

They hastened to Stockton and notified the authorities. A posse was organized, and left for the scene shortly after midnight. It is thought that Sheriff Buzzell is fatally injured, as he received more than one shot in the breast.

Moderate Cold Wave Coming.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—The forecast of the local weather bureau announces the following special bulletin: A moderate cold wave of short duration will reach Chicago and will also extend over the Upper Mississippi valley and upper lake region tomorrow, carrying the temperature to about twenty degrees above zero Saturday morning.

Auction Sales To-day.

Ratcliffe, Sutton & Co., 620 Pennsylvania avenue northwest—New York avenue building, lots 23, 24, 25, square 525; by order of J. Walter Cooksey, trustee. Sale today, 8 p. m.

New York avenue northwest, between Furman and Fifteenth streets, building site, part lot 7, square 223, by order of A. B. Riney and C. C. Tucker, trustees. Sale today, 8:30 p. m.

Thirteenth street southeast, No. 431, brick dwelling, part lot 28, square 1018; by order of J. H. Hallam, trustee. Sale today, 4:30 p. m.

2 street southeast, No. 1234, frame dwelling, lot 2, square 1018, by order of same. Sale immediately after above.

Dunsmuir Brothers, Ninth and D streets—Broadwood road, north of Patterson avenue, three acres; by order of E. H. Thomas and D. W. Glasie, trustees. Sale, to-morrow, 8:30 p. m.

Thomas Brothers & Co., 612 E street southeast—New York avenue, between D and E streets, building site, part lot 18, square 634. Sale today, 4:30 p. m.

Fourth and Fifteenth streets, building site, twenty-five feet of original lot 3, square 795; by order of Charles H. Cragin and William M. Osborn, trustees. Sale today, 4:30 p. m.

## BENEDICT'S SONG—A LA DU MAURIER.

